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To the right Honorable
Lorde, Frauncis, Earle of
Bedforde, one of her Maiesties most
Honourable priuie Councell, Knight of
the noble order of the Garter, grace
and peace with God and man.



Oftentimes remem-
bring (Right honour-
able Lorde) what
accountes I haue to
make for the small
talent which GOD
hath deliuered mee to bee imployed
vnto the best, and so my duetie that I
doe owe vnto my natieue Countre,
am of force constrained to diuulgate
and set abroad some part of my studies,
and trauailes in the Sciences Mathe-
maticall, trusting thereby, my dutie
towards God and my Countre, shal
be somewhat acquitted. And as it is the
accustomed maner of all those that set
forth any booke worthie reading, to

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select and choose out either some person, who by reason of learning, vertu, wisdom, & such other like ornaments of the mind, is thought a worthie stay in a commonwealth, or els such as haue well of them deserued, to whom they may yeeld the first fruites of their labors, & dedicate their works finished. In like maner, I hauing atchieued this my simple skill, in the setting forth many reasons & probable conjectures from the course of times, of these great coniunctiōs of the 2. superiour Planets *Saturne & Iupiter*, in the beginning of waterie Trigon, & now the same coniunctiōs in the end of the same Trigon is like to happen, & then turned in to fire Trigon. The which euent of the said Planets doeth marueilously agree with the famous prophesie of Elias, & many other places of scriptures, of the latter dayes of the worlds destruction to be neere at hande, & that the
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comming of our Lord & Sauour Iesus Christ to iudgement, will not bee long. And hauing respect to your Lordships worthinesse in the weale publik: also being animated with your beneuolent inclinatio, & the manifold benefites towards mee extended, doe boldly present and offer the same vnto your Honour, desiring your beneuolent heart, to vouchsafe to bee Patrone of this my litle booke: and if I shal perceiue your good L. heere with to be pleased, I shal hereafter (God giuing life) be encouraged to set forth the residue of my studies & labours. Thus I, as one that esteemeth nothing in this world more then your prosperous estate, do beseech God to increase you in long life & perfect prosperitie.

*Your Lordships most humble to
commaund, Robert Tannet.*

The Preface



Lato the Prince of Philosophers, who for his excellent doctrine, containing many things agreeable to the holy Scripture, was called diuinus, amōg many other his precepts in Philosophie, giueth vs this lesson: *Omnia amicorum sunt communia*, Amongest friends all things are common. The which also in alde time was taken in custome of the auncient Christians, for I find it written in the Acts of the Apostles; *Nemo eorum qui nomina Christo dederunt, quicquam suum esse dicebat, sed erant illis omnia communia*: None of those which were named Christians, did affirme any thing to be their owne, but all things were common amongst them. I therefore, desiring to bee esteemed among Christians, doe thinke it wil be a shamefull thing for me to hide any thing ielously to my selfe: yea, although it bee neuer so simple, wherein I might hope something to profite the common wealth, For it is euident that all men cannot offer golde, precious stones,

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stones, silke or purple, but there are also that doe gratifie & shew a thing very thankesfull, if they giue but a flower, or some thing of lesse value, for this cause therefore I haue thought it good (Christian Reader) to publish this my little booke, to the vse of all Christians, to beholde and marke Gods omnipotencie and goodnesse, of diuers tokens & warninges, not only before time sent, but also diuers other tokens by these great coniunctions & euents of the Planets is like to ensue. The consideration whereof, hath caused me for your comfort, by writing to place before your eyes, such vndoubted signes of his comming (although I will not take vpon me to tell the very houre, day, and yere, which is knowen to God alone) that easily you will belecue and persuaade your selfe, that it will not bee long afore hee come. Perhaps there may be some malicious mocking person yet alive, whose only practise is scoffing and scorning: yea, whom nothing, be it neuer so well, can content, that will finde faulte with our doinges, by reason they haue drunke such a deepe draught of despight. I wil nothing at al be dismayd, for why should I? considering I haue written nothing, but that which is already tried by the principles of

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Astronomie, unlesse perhaps there bee some Midas asininis auribus dignus, which doth iudge wrongfully of this notable science, minding the utter subuersion of the same. And here I shall desire the good Reader, that although some man pricked with pride shoulde put in print some peeuish peece of woork in dispraise of Astronomie, thou wouldest giue no credite vnto his foolish reasons, sub this Science hath heeretofore of the wisest and learnedest men ben honoured. And further thou mayest gather, that whosoever doth attempt the contempt of any one sciēce, seemeth to be ignorant, not only of the same, but also of all good learning. For Cicero lib. 3. de ora. saith in this wise, Omnis ingenuarum & humanarum artium doctrina vno quodam societatis vinculo continetur; That is to say, All Arts liberall and humane are coupled or linked together with one bande of societie. But Reader, I purpose not now to inueigh against those kinde of persons before spoken of, considering that it requireth more matter than can conveniently bee rehearsed in a short Prologue. Wherefore to conclude, thou shalt understande that it is not the taunting toys of skorners, nor the wresting wits

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wittes of the arrogant, is able to blemish our
arte, as all auncient monuments of Wryters:
yea, & the orders of the Planets themselves,
(which for mans behoofe is the workmanship
of God) doe manifestly prone. And thus I
make an ende, praying thee to take the
paynes to reade this Booke, and learne
therby to amend thy former wic-
ked lyfe. Farewell good
Christian Rea-
der.

By Robert Tanner, student
in Astronomy & Cos-
mography.

The verdict of the Booke,
made in forme of a Dia-
lounge, beetweene the Booke
and the Bookes
friende.

- F VVhat, dost thou think al sorts of men to please?
B Nay, hard it is for one to please ech whight.
F VVhat men are those, whom thou sonest disease?
B Al faulting fooles, that seeke to work their spight
Through taunting tongues & scofs, & do delight
VVith wresting wits to turn things frō the right.
F VVhy was thou made? what is thy chief intent?
B To please the best of purpose I am sent.
F Go forth therfore, the best will thee imbrace.
B Then feare I not abroad to shew my face,
Nor for il tongues that would me faine de grace.

FINIS.



¶ Probable Coniectures, from the course of tymes.



W^e holpe Scripture
euerpe where maketh
some collation between
the first Adam the sin-
ner, and the Sonne of
God, Christ our sauiour
the second Adam: also

betweene the flood, and bitter ouerthrow of
the world, euen as Christ doth signifie in
these wordes. Et erit sicut in diebus Noe,
&c. And it shal be as in y^e daies of Noe, &c.
Wherefore I fell firste into this conside-
ration, and afterward from one to an other
into these which ensue, whether the tymes
passe in equalitie of the same number aun-
swered alike: for the Lord God hath ordet-
ned all thinges by a singular and euerla-
sting wisdome: And experience doth teach
by a certaine concurring of the Stars, that
in such thinges a great likenesse of tymes
is woont often to happen. As in the byrth of
Isaack, and of his offering, which is a figure
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of Christ, there is a great consent of times. For from the birth of Isaac vntill Christe, were two thousande yeares fully expyed. from the creation of the world was a thousand, sixe hundred fiftie sixe yeares: From this number the yeares of Christes birth vnto this present yeare 1583. doe differ 73 yeares, if truely that number wer fulfilled.

But I doe not thinke the worlde shall continue so long, that the latter time should in number exceede the former, for manye coniectures which followe, but what maye come to passe, the Lord knoweth.

Likewise Moles is a figure of Christe, That meruailous deliuering of Israel by Moles out of the bandes of Pharao, is a figure of victorie of christ, which on our behalf hee hath by his death on the Crosse and resurrection from the dead, obtained agaynst the Deuill and death: And the whole gouernment of Moles, is a shadow of Christs kingdome: the ouerthrow of the Jewes and destruction of Hierusalem, is no doubt a token of the worldes ouerthrowe. And here we shal see a wonderful consent & agreeing of times, that so by things passe, we may looke for the euent of thinges to come vndoubtedly

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doubtedly by the singular prouidence, coun-
sel & ordinance of God: for no other reason
can I reder, such I cannot perswade my selfe,
that these thinges can by chaunce so won-
derfully agree together. First by the true
account of yeares, it is playne that from
the coming out of Aegypt, and publishing
of the Law vntyl the Natuiutie of Christ,
are numbered, a thousande, five hun-
dred, and nine yeares. Nowe, if the yeares
from the natuiutie of Christ, vntill the time,
in which Christ began again to be bozne to
the world, & to be brought into the light, as
it were through the preaching of the gospel,
by Luther & other famous men, were num-
bered, they are in sum a thousand, five hun-
dred, and seuentene. Againe, from the
departure out of Aegypt, vntill the death
of Christ, the yeares are accounted to be
a thousande, five hundred, fourtie and two.
And this number also doth inerrailouslye
agree with that generall persecution in
Germanie, made by Charles the fifth, & the
Pope, which happened in the yeare, a
thousand, five hundred, fourtie and se-
uen: So that these numbers being com-
pared together, will bee founde not much
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to differ in quantitie of number. But from these poore mentions, I will go higher to those thinges, which especially do agree to our purpose. It is manifest that Moses gouernment vntil the destruction of Hierusalem by Titus, did stand in all, one thousand, five hundred, eightie and three yeares. Neither is it to be doubted of any, but that the destruction and wasting (of Hierusalem) is a manifest figure of the last ruine of the worlde: and therefore doth our Lord speake of these thinges together, and saith, Those dayes werelike the dayes of Noe, in respect of maners, and the securitie of mans life. Now at length, what shal we gather of these thinges, That the tearme of the worldes destruction shoulde agree with former number of yeares of Moses gouernment: which, not the sonne of an Emperour, or chieftest Monarch, as was Hierusalem: But the sonne of God, much mightier then al Emperours, an euerlasting king, can bring to naught: which thing, Melancthon seemed plainly to poynt at in the lyfe of Vespasian, in his Chronicles. And the like reason is here, which is in the former comparison of numbers, if thinges to come
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may be gathered by thinges past alreadye.
The figure doeth altogether in this place
agree, and the chieffest signe of Christs co-
ming: to wit, the preaching of the Gospell
hath gone afoze, and we doe sticke in the
middest of all the other forgetolde calamity-
ties, and euery yeare expect more miserie.
Fynally, also the Astronomers write (if e-
uery skilful man in his owne facultie is to
be credited) that the starres in the begin-
ning of the thousand, fise hundred, eightie
and foure yeares (which almost together
doth agree with the number aboue mentio-
ned) doth threaten very fearefull and hor-
rible thinges of diuers alterations and o-
ther wonderfull matters, or els an utter
destruction of this worlde. The wordes
of Cyprian Leouitius a Bohemian, a most
excellent Mathematicition, in a certain book
of prognostications, for a twentie peeres,
fro the yeare sixtie foure, to the eighty foure
be these, Anno Domi. 1582. mense Febru-
arii, there shall happen fiteene coniunctiōs
of the Planets in the beginning of Pisces.
After which, straight wayes in the yeare
eightie foure shall ensue a wonderfull mix-
ture of al the Planets almost in Taurus,
about

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about the end of March and beeginning of
 Aprill. And which is moze, a litle after that
 shall be seene an Eclipse of the Sunn, in the
 18. degree 42. min. of Taurus, about the
 head of Algol, a most cruell fixed starre, go-
 uerned by Venus, which shall be lynked to
 fure Planets in Aries, tending towards the
 twelfe. Here (saith he) must we watch: & I
 thinke it meete that earthly cogitations be
 cast off, least we be destroyed being vnready,
 for this great Coniunction is of all, the
 last which shall happen in the end of watry
 Trigon. And watry Trigon shall haue an
 end, and to be turned into fiery Trigon.
 Neither any moze in the space of eichte hun-
 dred years, the end of watry Trigon shalbe
 inghe. But because about the end of watry
 Trigon this monarchy shal beginne, it is
 likely, y^e the same also in the end of the same
 Trigon shal haue an end, sith the son of god
 himself Iesus Christ our lord, enen in y^e end
 of watry Trigō took vpe him the nature of
 man. For 6. yeares before his most glorious
 natiuitie, y^e same very coniunction in y^e extre-
 mity of Pisces, & in the beginning of Aries,
 happened: neither came y^e like since y^e time,
 but whē Charls y^e great held his empyre, w^h
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peare of our Lorde, seven hundred, eightie,
and nine. And now the second time, such a
great and straunge Coniunction shal come,
which vndoubtedly doth foreshew the other
comming of the Sonne of God and man,
in maiestie of his glory, at which time wee
must render account of our life and conuer-
sation. And a litle after he saith: But under
Charles the great, the ende of the worlde
could not be, because at y^e time fise thousand
peares were not expyred. But now the ope-
ration of this great coniunction cōtinuing,
the number shal tend to six hundred peares,
which agreeth with the holy Prophet, affir-
ming that this worlde should stand six thou-
sand peares: from which sum of peares the
sonne of God shall take somewhat, sayinge
the last time, for the elected of God shall be
shorened. But if ther remainyng yet an other
Coniunction of the former Planets lyke
to the first, then shoulde there be required
almoste eight hundred peares moe, which
added to the tymes of these great Con-
iunctions, doe make the number of sixe
thousand, and almoste foure hundred
peares, which is playne against the pro-
phesie. These Coniectures, howsoever they

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they are, I thought good to recite, whiche
doe agree with the learned Prophecies of
most auncient Astrologers. Whitherto Cy-
prius, which also by certaine verses turned
into ryme, by Iohn Stoffer, of the olde
Prophecie of the destruction of the world
When from the byrth of Virgins sonne,

a thousand yeeres are past:

And take five hundred swiftly runne
by iust accounting hast.

Then shall a season strang appeare,
which men shal mone too late:

I meane the eight and foure score yeare
bestead with dolefull fate.

If this yeare endeth not the frame,
that God with cunning wrought,

If now the sea and massy earth
to nothing shalbe brought:

Yet euery kingdom with his pride,
shal be defaced quight:

Their glory aye from them shal slide,
and mourne shal euery wight.

Now by this it appeareth how the num-
ber of yeares of Moses gouernment, which
endured a thousand, five hundred, eightie &
three yeeres: and of this yeere, a thousande,
five hundred eighty and foure (in whose be-
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ginning that prodigious Coniunction of the planettes in the ende of the watry Trigon both happen) agree together : so that the quantitie and number of the times foretold, the signes & stars seeme to agree together, and without al doubt to portende the same thing. In like manner may we bring forth other comparisons of time, which by reason of like euentts agree together wonderfullie. Of which this one is not of leaste weight, to wit, the same time from the natiuitie of Christ vnto the ouerthrowe of Hierusalem, is almost equall with that, when Luther firste of all set him selfe against the Popes indulgences, and beganne to preach the Gospell, to this yeere eightie & eight, in which, or about the same, by this merueilous toyning together of Planets, which shall be foure yeares beefore, by the singular prouidence of God, so dreadful destinies of the worlde shall meete together. For from the byrth of Christe, vntill the destruction of Hierusalem, are numbred seuentie and thre yeares, and from the tyme that Luther and others first began to preach Christe and his Gospell vntill the eightie & eight yeere, are accounted seuentie

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and one yeare, the number is iust wth that before, and speaking allegorically, the may Christe be sayde to be borne againe, when as the doctrine, so long by papisticall dreames darkened, and fonde illusions so deeply buried, is as it were borne a newe, and doth cleerely shine among vs. But if those yeares from the byrth of Christe, vntill his preaching and suffering of death, with that general persecution don by Charles the fifth, and the Pope: And againe, those yeares from the death of Christ, vntill the destruction of Hierusalem, with these yeares which came since that generall persecution, vntill the eightie eight yeare, were compared, wee shall see also, that in number of yeares they doe not much differ. For betweene Christes byrth and his preaching, there was 30. yeares, and so to his death 33. yeares, and somewhat more. But from that 17. yeare, when the Gospel began to shine againe, vntill the 46. yeare in all, when Charles the Emperour began to arme himself against the states of the Emppre, so to abolishe the doctrine of Christ, are numbred 29. yeares. Againe, from the death of Christ, to the overthrowe
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of Hierusalem, there were 40. yeares. And from the generall persecution, which happened in the 46. yeare, untill eightie and six yeare, are accounted fortye yeares, which is the middle yeare betweene the eightye foure, when that exceeding strange uniting together of the Planets shall appeare. And the eightie eight, about which time that Coniunctions shall take their full force.

Moreover, I finde that these times, in which those 2. wonderful Coniunctions did appeare six yeares before the death of christ, and in the day of Charles the great, and the thirde and laste, which shall happen before the full expyring of sixe thousande yeares, the thousande, five hundred, eightye, and foure being at hand, doe fill the same number. For Cyprian Leouirius doth write, that that other uniting of Planettes in the time of Charles the great, chaunced in the yeare, seauen hundred, eightye and nine, after the natiuitie of christ. If to this number so many moe were added, the yeares would be one thousand, five hundred, seuentie and eight. Now if to these were added those six yeares before Christe was borne, when the first of these three Coniunctions

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happened, there shall arise (counting from the natiuitie of Christ, as it were from an effecte of the former Coniunction) the same number of yeeres in full quantitye, agreeing with that dreadfull yeere, eighty foure, aboue a thousand five hundred, onely that first, from this last, which is to come. differing those sixe yeeres before Christs birth. I confesse my selfe not to be the skylfullest in Astronomy, that is, although I doe graatly esteeme that arte (if it be soberlye vsed, and not vainely abused:) Which some, because they are not acquainted therewith (as cōmonly it happeneth) do not only despise, but also with euill wordes, because it is abused of some, deface. But if the writing of Leouitius, and which was a great while before his time, Iohn Scoffer, and other Astronomers iudgement of those rare Coniunctions of al the Planets in the end of waterye Trigon bee true: (as certes I beleeeue, and verely perswade my selfe) I saye playnely, it is a thing greatly to bee meruayled at, that those Collations of times (in which the Lorde God either hath bestowed singular benefites vpon his church, and also wil bestow, or altered kingdoms, (and

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and wil alter) by such a certain wonderful equalitie, and quantitie of numbers, should aunswere beetweene them selues, euen as those reasons of Astronomers in euerye respecte haue doone: Of which it is euidently gathered, that the Lorde GOD by a singular prouidence and eternal counsel, doth guide and gouerne all thinges. And also it is playnely to be seene, that hee hath made the starres, and the course of them to be as it were clocks of his eternall counsel, and gouernmentes of such thinges in his Church, & cōmon weales, euen as the Lord God also doth witnesse himselfe, that those lightes in the firmament of heauen, should be soze signs of times, and dayes, & peeres. And therefore from these thinges doe cunning Astronomers fetch their coniectures, because though a certaine order which the starres doe keepe, they haue by long vse obserued very many things: & so from a true obseruation of principles, they maye bring forth general coniectures, whose euents do meruailously agree together. And yther is a certain order, or a true course of y stars, y wōderful agreeing together of yeres, cōtinually in alteration of kingdōs, & religion,

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marked is a great prooffe, as by that which is already spoken, may & hereafter shal more plainly appeare. Truly, as often as I consider these thinges, I am not onely exceedingly troubled in minde, but as it were compelled to beleue, that that especial tyme of the end of this world is nigh at hand, because the Lord among other thinges also hath giuen vs certaine tokens, to wit: that afore his comming there shalbe a darkening of the sunne and moone, that the qualities of heauens shalbe troubled. By which wordes no doubt he woulde signifie, that the whole firmament of Starres should be altered, and as it were threaten a destruction. We haue a notable example hereof in Noes preaching, by whome the Lord GOD did first accuse the world of disobedience, before hee drowned the same for lacke of repentance: wherefore let vs cast from vs, both our carelesse securitie and mistruste of the promyses of GOD: let vs renounce the diuell and the workes of the fleshe, which are not sufferable by the word of god, and let vs listen to the frendly admonition of our Saviour Christ, warning vs in these wordes: Take heed, least at any time your minds be
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ouer laden with surfeiting and drunkennes,
and cares of this life, and so the sodaine day
of the Lorde take you vnwares, for euen as
a snare it shall come vpon all which sit vpon
the face of the earth: be yee watchfull ther-
fore at all times. (And as Matthew addeth)
Because ye know not the houre in whiche
your Lorde will come: praying, that yee
may escape all these thinges which are to
come, & may stand before the sonne of man.

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O God and most mercifull father, illu-
minate our mindes with thy holy spirite,
by which wee may bee prepared to all good
workes, in the holinesse and newnesse of
life, that so with Paule, wee may desire
to leaue this worlde, and to be with Christ,
and so in the coming of the Lorde being
found readie with oyle in our lampes, and
adoyned with our wedding garmentes,
wee may finde entrance to the Lordes ma-
riage: which, thou for thy sonne, and his be-
loued spouse the Church, hast prepared and
appointed from the beginning of y^e worlde.
To thee therefore, O heavenly father, to the
only begotten sonne, and to the holy ghoſte
our comforter, be all prayse, honour, & glo-
ry, for euer and euer. Amen.

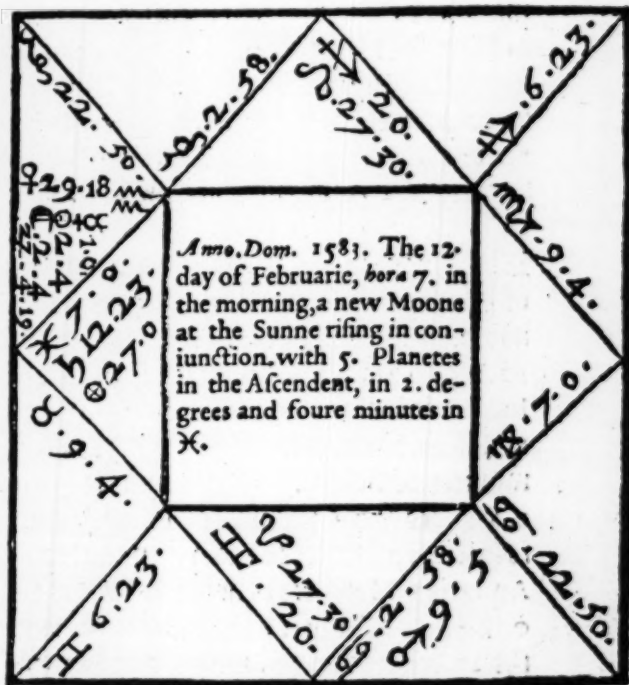
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Whereas before I haue declared of manie reasons and probable coniectures, from the course of times : nowe I will proceede by the Art of Astronomie, to shewe and set forth in what maner and forme the faces of the heauens are at the time of these greate coniunctions of the Planets, which shall happen in the ende of waterie Trigone, in Anno Domini. 1582. in the moneth of Februarie, the 12. day, about the houre of 7. of the clocke in the morning, the Moone then readie to change, in the second degree and 40. minutes in Pisces, in coniunction with all the Planets, as by a figure heere, after calculated to the learned and skilfull in this Art may appeare. The like coniunctions, haue neuer bin seene in these our dayes, nor yet in many peeres before : for this great coniunction is of all, the laste which shall happen in the ende of waterie Trigon, and waterie Trigon shall haue an ende. And about the eight day of April, in Anno. 1584. a little before that the Sun entreteth into Taurus, then turned into fire Trigon, neither any more in the space of eight hundred peeres the ende of waterie Trigon shalbe nigh.

Here

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Heere followeth the figure expressing
the samelights of the coniuncti-
ons of the Planets in χ .



At the time of this entrance, ϕ cuspis
of the East is in 7, degrees of Pisces.
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The 2. house, 9. degrees, and 4. minutes of Taurus. The 3. house, 6. degrees & 27. min. of Gemi. The 4. house, 10. degrees in Gemin. The 5. house, 2. degrees, and 58. min. of Cancer. The 6. house 22. degrees, & 50. minutes of Cancer. The 7. house 7. degrees in Virg. The 8. house 9. degrees and foure min. of Scorpius. The 9. house 6. degrees 23. minutes of Sagittarius. The 10. house 20. degrees of Sagittari. The 11. house 2. degrees and 58. minutes of Capricor. The 12. house 22. and 50. minutes of Capricor. The Moone is in 2. degrees and 4. minutes of Pisces, *pars fortuna* is in the 27. degrees, and 0. minutes of Pisces. Saturne is in the 12. degrees and 23. minutes of Pisces. Jupiter is in the 4. degree and 19. minutes of Pisces. Mars is in the 9. degrees and 5. minutes of Pisces: The Sunne is in the 2. degrees and 4. minutes of Pisces. Venus is in the 29. degrees and 18. minutes of Aquarius. Mercurie is in the first degree & 0. minutes of Pisces. Caput Draconis is in the 27. degree and 30. minutes of Sagittarius. Cauda Draconis, is in γ 27. degrees & 30. minutes of Gemini.

From the course of times.

*In viewing of the starrie skie
it plainly doth appeare,
Great waters, yea, of sundrie sortes
shall raigne this present yeere:
Like as therefore by certaine signes
the same were shewed to me:
So I the same, doe heere doe shew
good Reader vnto thee.*

Sixteene Coniunctions shall bee made
with the Moone & other planets, betweene
the 12. day of Februarie, and the 26. day of
the same moneth in Pisces: the like number
in the space of 15. dayes, in one signe hath
neuer beene seene in these our dayes, nor
yet in many other yeeres before. The 12. The number 6.
day of Februarie next, there shall bee these 6. 6.
many coniunctions in one day.

The first is a coniunction of the Sunne
and the Moone in Pisces. A coniunction of
the Moone and Mercurie in X. A coniu-
tion of Venus and the Moone in pisces. A
coniunction of Iupiter, and the Moone in
Pisces. A coniuunction of Saturne, and the
Moone in Pisces. A coniuunction of Venus,
and the Moone in Pisces. The 13. day of
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February a coniunction of the Sun & Iupiter in Pisces. The 13. day again, a coniunction of the Sun & Mercurie in Pisces. The 14. day of February, a coniunction of Iupiter & Mercurie in Pisces. The 16. day of February a coniunction of Iupiter and Venus in Pisces. The 18. day of February a coniunction of Saturne and Mercurie in Pisces. The 21. day of February a coniunction of Mars and the Moone in Canc. The 22. day of February a coniunction of Saturne and the Sunne in Pisces. The 23. day of February a coniunction of Saturne and Venus in Pisces. The 25. day of February a coniunction of the Sunne and Venus in Pisces.

This great coniunction doth threaten strange and wonderfull thinges to happen. For first after the mightie Coniunction of the two highest planets, Saturne & Iupiter in Cancer, whiche is reckoned the fyrste signe of the aforesaide waterie triplicitie, which coniunction happened in the fourth house, in the moneth of Nouember, at whiche time the worlde was ouerflowed with water, whiche to this day doth, and shall ever beare

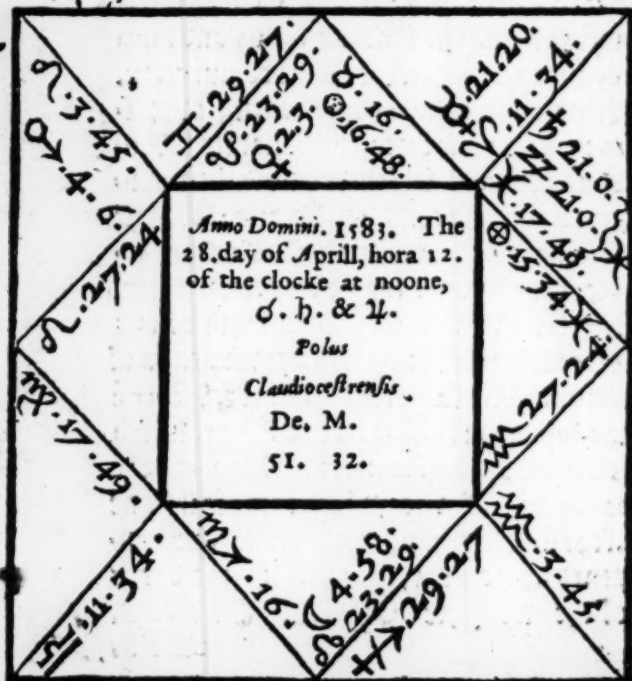
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beare the name of Noahs flood, suche a flood as the worlde shall neuer see agayne. The next coniunction of the Superiour Planets happened in Scorpio, the seconde signe of the same Triplicitie 47. yeeres before y^e glorious Natiuitie of our Sauour Iesus Christ, & five yeeres before y^e destruction of the most valerous and puissant captaine, Iulius Caesar, and Pompey was very boate y^e violent. The ende of y^e which Ciuil warres betweene the saide Iulius and Pompey, was a little after the same coniunction. Whereupon Iulius Caesar hauing oppressed the contrarie force, and valiantly subdued his enemies, which defended their ancient state, and common libertie: did first establishe this fourth most Noble Monarchie. Thirdly, not long after this, namely, sixe yeeres, before the happie birth of our Redeemer, there happened a coniunction of these mightie superiour Planets, Saturne and Iupiter, in the last face of Pisces, which is the last signe of waterie Trigon, and the beginning of Aries, which is the first signe of the fire Trigon, which coniunction happened neuer since, but onely in the dayes of the woorthie Christian Emperour, Carolus

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Carolus Magnus. Anno 789. which is at
most 800. yeeres agoe. But is now to hap-
pen once againe in this yeere 1583. Tou-
ching which coniunctio this yere now ensuing
is the last coniunctio y^e ever shall happen in
the end of y^e waterie Trigon. And heereaf-
ter ensuech the figure Astronomically of
the said great coniunction of Saturne & Iopi-
ter in the 8. house in Pisces.

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At the time of this entrance, the Cuspis
of the East is the 27. degrees, and
24. minutes of Leo. The 2. house is the 17.
degrees, and 49. minutes of Virgo. The
3. house is the 11. degrees & 34. minutes of
Libra. The 4. house is the 16. degrees &
00. min. of Scorpio. The 5 house is the 29.
degrees, and 27. min. of Sagitta. The 6.
house is the 30. degrees, & 55. minutes of
Aquar. The 7. house is the 27. degrees and
24. min. of Aquar. The 8. house is the 17.
degrees & 49. min. of Pisces. The 9. house
is the 11. degrees and 34. minutes of Aries.
The 10. house is the 16. degrees & 00. mi.
of Taurus. The 11. house is the 29. degrees
and 27. minutes of Gem. The 12. house is
the 3. degrees, and 45. minutes of Leo. The
Moone in 4. degrees and 54. min. of Sag.
Pars fortuna 15. degrees and 34. min. of
Pisces. Saturne is in 21. degrees & 00. min.
of Pisces. Iupiter is in 21. degrees and 00.
minutes of Pisces. Mars is in 4. degrees &
6. min. of Leo. The Sun is in 16. degrees
and 48. minutes of Taurus. Venus is in 4.
degrees and 6. min. of Gemin. Mercurie
is in 21. degrees & 20. minutes of Aries.
Saturne is Orientall, & is Orientall, Mars

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is Occidentall, & Mercurie Occidentall.

Considering that this fourth monarchie began first about the end of watery Trigo, and was afterwards weakened & decayed vnder the same, as appeareth by the premises, may it now seeme likely and probable enough that it shall also finally bee ended & destroyed vnder the same Trigon. And for as much as our Lorde and Sauour tooke our humane nature vpon him, beeing borne of the Virgin Marie in Bethlem, at the end of the waterie Trigon, and beginning of the fire Trigon : the same nowe hapning againe, may it not also signifie and portende some wonderfull and marueilous alteration shortly after to ensue : yea, why not euen þ great & dreadfull time, wherein þ same Iesus Christ shall come again in vnspeakable maiestie, to iudge both the quicke and the dead, consuming the whole world by fire. For now shall the fire Trigon raigne, and all the coniunctions of the superiour Planets, which hereafter shall happen, shall continually be in fire signes till the accomplishmēt almost of 200. yeres. The ancient famous prophesie of Elias, concerning the worldes continuāce, forgettelling that the same should stand

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stand 6000. peeres: 2000. vaine: 2000.
the lawe: 2000. Chiste: which together
make in all, the final number of numbers 456. yeeres
6000. peeres, whercof it hath alreadie con- more to come to
tained 5544. So that not so much as 500. make up the in-
peeres do now remaine, of which also, some nūber of 6000.
euē of those that are yet behinde shall bee yeeres, the full
shortened in respect of our infinite sinnes, & of time, whiche
exceeding wickednesse, as it followeth in Elias speaketh
the same prophesie: yea our Sauour Christ But I cannot
himselfe hath promised in his Gospell writ- thinke that the
ten by Saint Mathew ch. 24. chapter, that full computa-
he will detract somewhat of the appointed on of the num-
time: saying, except those daies be shortened, ber shalbe filled.
there shal no flesh be saued, but for the elects
sake, they shalbe shortened. what doubt is
there but that we may perswade with our
selues that the comming of Christ to iudge-
ment will not be long.

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Of the sicknesses and infir-
mities this yeere of our Lord 1583. in
generall throughout the yeere,
which are like to happen.

According to the doctrine of the aun-
cient Princes, and diuers other fa-
mous learned in the Sciences Ma-
thematicall : It manifestly appea-
reth, that this yeere shall raigne, many
painefull & dangerous Feuers, the bloody
Flyre, blacke Jaundies, Opilation of the
Liuer, obstruction of the Splene, Apo-
stumes commyng of Flegme, paynes in y
eyes & teeth, Epilepsia, Stitches, Collicke
and stone, Laxes, payne in the bowels,
Plurisies, y Droisie, Cathares, Relumes,
small Pockes and Measles, paines of the
belly: many maydens and women shall be
vexed with diuers diseases: & in the Sommer
quarter these diseases shal most raigne, blee-
ding at the nose, paynes in the back & belly,
Dissenteria & Strangurion. In Autumne
the Winter quarter, paynes in the throte,
Angina

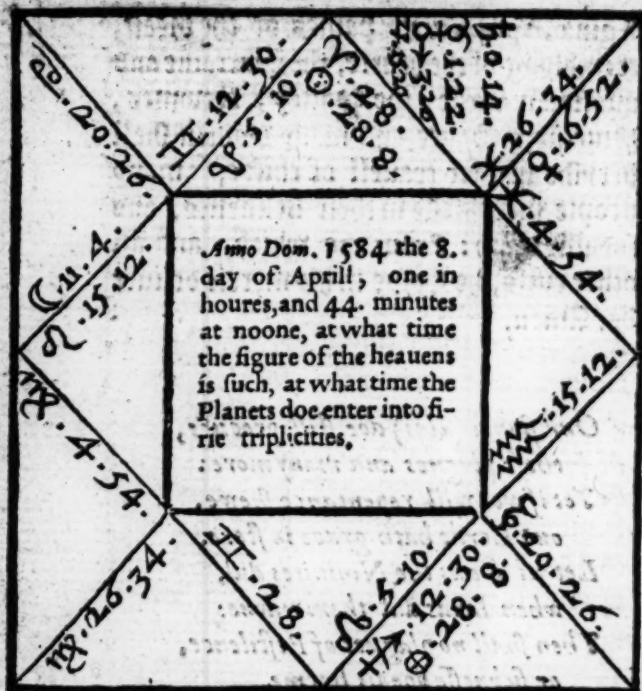
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Agina, Apoplexia, paines of the breast,
trembling of the heart, the quartaine and
quotidian Ague, the Palley, Rewmes,
Plurisie, & Coute, and many women shall
peryshe in their trauell of childe, many
people speechlesse in their sicknesses, and
sodaine death: From the which, and all
other euils, the Lorde in his mercie deliuer
vs. Amen.

*Our finnes (alas) doe still procure,
these plagues and many more:
Yet if wee will repentance shewe,
our Lorde hath grace in store.
Let vs doe as the Niniuites did,
when Ionas did them warne;
Then shall no plagues of Pestilence,
or sicknesse doe vs harme.*

' Thus endeth the eightie three yeere,
and nowe to proceede with eightie four
yeere.

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I Eo ascendent in the 15. degree and 12 min. The 1. house 4. degrees 54. min. of Virgo. The 3. house 26. degrees 34. min. of Virgo. the 4. house 28. degrees 8. min. of Libra. The 5. house 12. degrees and 30. min. of Sagittarius. The 6. house 20. degrees and 26. min. of Capric. The 7. house

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15. degrees & 12. mi. of Aquar. h 8. house
4. degrees and 54. min of Pisces. The 9.
house 26. degrees and 34. min. of Pisces.
The 10. house 28. degrees and no min. of
Aries. The 11. house 12. degrees and 30.
min. of Gem. The 12. house 20. degrees &
26. min of Cancer. The Moone is in 11.
degrees and 4 min. of Leo. Pars fortunæ in
28. degrees and 8. min. of Sagit. Saturne is
in no degree and 14. min. of Aries. Mercurie
is in one degree and 22. min. of Aries.
 ♂ Mars is in 3. degrees and 26. minutes of
Aries. Iupiter is in 15. degrees & 20. min.
of Aries. The Sunne is in 28. degrees and
8. min. of Aries. Venus is in the 16. degree
and 52. min. of Pisces. Saturne is Ori-
entall. Iupiter is Orientall. Mars is ori-
entall. Venus is Occidentall. Mercurie is
Orientall*. These Planets conioyned to-
gether in fire triplicities, is a great token
to bee marked of the worldes destruction &
that the latter daye is at hande. Therefore
let vs wathe and bee mindfull of the Lords
comming.

The seruant which diligently wat- *Mat. 24*
cheth at all houres for his masters com-
myng, & doth in h meane season such thinges

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as his master hath appointed him, is blessed:
For hee shall enter into his masters ioye.
But the seruant, that liueth without care, is
idle, watcheth not, looketh not diligently
vpon his office, thinketh not of his masters
comming, smiteth his fellowes, eateth and
drinkech with the drunken, that seruaunt I
say, shall haue his part with hypocrites, and
shall be cast into viter darknes, where wee-
ping & gnashing of teeth shall be, &c.

Mat. 24.

Take, because ye know not what houre
your master will come, of this bee yee sure,
that if the hougholder knew what houre the
theefe would come, he would surely watch,
and not suffer his house to bee broken vp.
Therefore be ye also redie, for in an houre as
ye thinke not, the sonne of man commeth.

Mat. 26.

Watch and pray, that yee fall not into
temptation.

Luke. 21.

Let your loynes bee girt about, and
your lightes burning, & your selues like
men that wayte for theyr master, when hee
will returne from the wedding, that as
soone as hee commeth and knocketh, they
may open vnto him: Blessed are those ser-
uants, which the Lorde when hee commeth
shall finde waking, &c.

Take

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Take heede, watche and praye, for wee *Mark. 13.*
know not whan the time is, And I say to al
watch.

Take heede to your selues, leasse your
hearts be grieved with surfeiting and drun- *Luk. 21*
kenesse, & cares of the world, whē the day
shal come sodenly on you. For as a snare
shal it come on all them that sit on the face
of the earth. &c.

Philip. 4.

The Lord is at hande.

The daye of the Lord shall come euen
as a theefe in the night: when they shall say *1. Thes. 5.*
peace and no danger, than commeth there
on them sodaine destruction, as the trauan-
ling woman with childe, and they shall not
escape. &c.

Let vs not sleepe as other doe: but let
vs watch and be sober.

Be patient, and settle your hearts, for *Iacob. 5.*
the conning of the Lord draweth nygh:
Beholde, the Judge standeth before the
dore.

Be sober and watch, for your aduersary
the deuil, as a roving Lyon walketh about, *1. Pet. 5.*
seeking whom hee may deuoure: to whom re-
sist stedfast in the fayth.

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2. Pet. 3.

The daye of the Lorde shall come as a theefe in the night.

1. Iohn. 2

Little children, euen now is the laste time.

Heb. 10.

Yet a very little while, and he that shall come, will come, and will not tary.

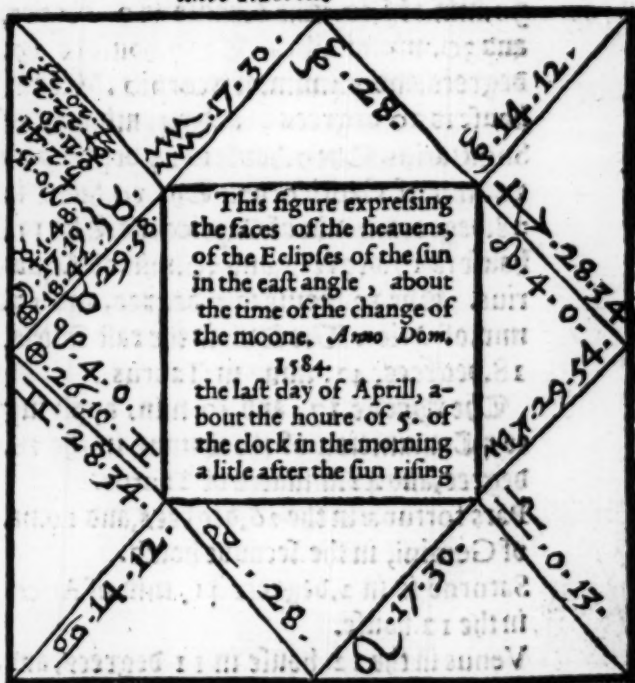
The five wise Virgins prepared both lampes and oyle, taryng and watching for the conming of the bridgroom: Therfore when he came, they beeing in a readinesse, went in with him into the wedding: But the five foolish Virgins slumbez and slept, so that when the Bridegroom came, they were vnprepared, and had no oyle in their lampes, and therefore were they shutte out of the doore. Watch, for we know neyther the daye nor the houre when the Sunne of man shall come, &c.



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Domus Diei, 4 hora 4. min 56.

ante Merid.



At the time of this entrance, p culpis
of the East is the 29. degrees and 25.
min of Taurus: The 2. house, 28. degrees, &
34. minutes of Geminie. The 3. house
14. degrees, and 12. minutes of Cancer.

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The 4. house is 28 degrees, 0. minutes of Cancer. The 5. house is 17. degrees, and 30. min. of Leo. The 6. house is 0. degree, and 30. min. of Libra. The 7. house is 29. degrees, and 54. min. of Scorpio. The 8. house is 20. degrees, and 34. minutes of Sagittarius. The 9. house is 14. degree, and 12. min. of Capricorne. The 10. house is 28. degrees, 0. min of Capricorne. The 11. house is 17. degrees, and 30. min. of Aquarius. The 12. house is 0. degree, and 13. min. of Aries. The Sun in the east Angle, 18. degrees, 42. min. in Taurus.

The Moone 17. and 49. min. applying to a Coniunction of the Sunne in the 18. degree, and 42. minutes of Taurus.

Pars fortunæ in the 26. degrees, and 10. m. of Gemini, in the seconde house.

Saturne is in 2. degrees 41. min. of Aries, in the 12. house.

Venus in the 12. house in 11 degrees, and 44. min of Aries.

Mars in the 12. house, and 20. degrees, and 24. min. of Aries.

Jupiter in the 12 house, 20. degrees, and 25 min. of Aries.

Mercury

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Mercury in the 12. house, 1. degree, and
48. min. of Taurus.

Caput Draconis is 4. degrees of Sagita-
rius.

Cauda Draconis is 4. degrees of Gemi-
ni in the Ascendent.

Plenilunium Eclipticum.

1. Nouembris Die 7. hora. 12. 17.

Luna orientis
Solis orbem à
Parte Septentri-
onali perstrin-
get, idque tenu-
issimum Vestigio
die. 29. Apri-
lis,

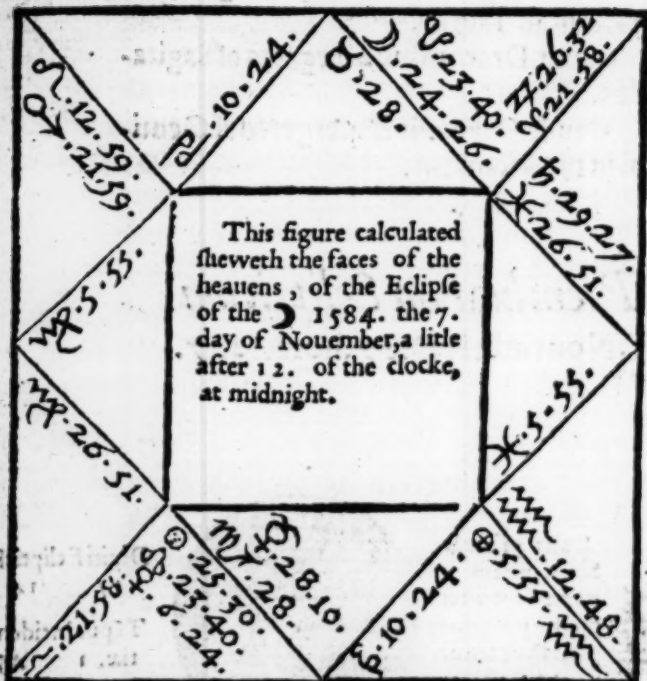


Digni Ecliptic.
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Tēpus inciden-
tiz. 1 45

Mora dimidia.
0. 45.

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The time of this entraunce the Cuspis of the estate is the 5. degree, and 51. minutes of Libra. The 2. house, 26. degree, and 51. min. of Virgo. The 3. house, 21. degree, and 51. min. of Libra. The 4. house 28. degrees, and 00. minutes of Scorpio. The

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The 5. house 10. degrees, and 24. minutes of Capricorne. The 6. house, 12. degrees, & 48. min. of Aquarius. The 7. house, 5. degrees, and 55. min. of Pisces. The 8. house 26. degrees, and 51. min. of Pisces. The 9. house 21. degrees, and 58. min. of Aries. The 10. house, 28. degrees, and 00. min. of Taurus. The 11. house, 10. degrees, and 24. min. of Cancer. The 12. house, 12. degrees, and 42. min. of Leo. The Moone in 21. degrees, & 16. minutes of Taurus. Pars Fortunæ 5. degrees, and 55. min. of Aquarius. Saturne in 29. degrees, and 27. min. of Pisces. Iupiter is in 26. degrees, and 43. min. of Aries. Mars is in 21. degrees, and 59. min. of Leo. The Sunne is in 25. degrees, and 30. min. of Scorpio. Venus is in 60. degrees, and 24. min. of Scorpio. Mercurie is in 28. degrees, and 10. min. of Scorpio. Caput Draconis is in 23. degrees, and 40. minutes of Scorpio. Cauda Draconis is in 23. degrees and 40. minutes of Taurus. Saturne is Occidentall. Iupiter Occidentall. Mars is Orientall. Venus is Occidentall, Mercurie is Occidentall.

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The Lord God amongst other thinges hath gyuen vs certaine tokens, to wit: that afore his comming, there shall bee a darkning of the Sunne and Moone, that the qualities of the heauens shall be troubled: By which wordes no doubt hee would signifie, that the whole firmament of Stars should be altered, and as it were threaten a destruction, &c.

Anno Dom. 1586. mensis Aprilis.

The effectes of these meetinges shall euidently appeare: at which time, there shall fall out 12. Coniunctions in Aries, a fierye Triplicitie.

At the houre of Noone.

The 2. daye of April Sol
in 21. degree, and 46. min. in
Aries, applyeth to a Coniunc- } \odot h°
tion of h° in the 22. degrees, }
and 8. min of Aries. }

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The 7. day of April the Moone
in 10. degrees, 37. min. of Ari-
es, & applyeth to ♀ Venus in
18. degrees, 16. minutes in the
same signe,

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The 7. day of Aprill ♀ Moone
in Aries 10. degrees, and 37.
min. in application, to a conjunction
♂ of Mercurie, & Mercurie is
17. degrees, and 33. min. in the
same signe.

♂ 38

The 7. day of Aprill ♀ Moone
in Aries, 10. degrees, 37. min.
in application to a Coniuncti-
on of Mars, and Mars is 18.
degrees, and 5. minutes in the
same signe.

♂ 38

The 8 day of April, the moone
in ♈ 22. degrees, and 25. min.
in application to a Coniunc-
tion of Saturne, and Saturne is
22. degrees, 56. minutes in the
same signe.

♂ 38

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The 8. day of Aprill again
Venus in Aries 19. degrees,
and 30. minutes, in Coniunc- } 687
tion with ♄ in the same de-
grees of ♀ full.

The 8. daye of Aprill, the
☿ in 22. degrees, and
25. minutes of Aries, in ap- } 688
plication to a Coniunction of
the Sunne, in 27. degrees, &
38. min. in the same signe.

The 8. day of Aprill again,
a Coniunction of Mars and } 689
Mercurie in Aries.

The 9. daye of Aprill,
Mercurie in Aries 21. degrees,
and 21. minutes, in applica- } 690
tion to a Coniunction of
Saturne, and ♄ is 23. degrees,
and 40. minutes in the same
signe.

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The 13. day of Aprill, a
Coniunction of Saturne and } 682
Venus in Aries.

The 14. daye of Aprill Mars
in Aries 23. degrees, and 23.
minutes, in applycation to a } 682
Coniunction of Saturne, in
23. degrees, and 43. minutes
in the same signe. }

The 14. daye of Aprill, a
Coniunctio of Mars and Ve- } 682
nus in Aries.

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Anno



Anno Reparatae Sa-
lutis. 1588. intercalari.

Aureus Numerus. 12

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Interuallum. Hebd. 7. di. 6.

Septuagesima. 4. Februarii.

Quadragesima. 25. Februarii.

Pasca verum. 7. Aprilis.

Rogationes. 12. Maii.

Ascensio Domini. 16. Maii

Pentecoste. 26. Maii.

Aduentus domini. 1. decembris.

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Plenilunia duo Ecliptica.

Die 2. Mar. hora 13.42. Die. 25. Aug. hora. 16. scr. 49.

Digiti Eclip-
tici. 17. $\frac{3}{4}$

Tempus in-
cidentiæ. 1.
ho. 3.

Mora dimi-
dia. 0. 46.



Digiti E-
cliptici, 18.
17.

Tēpus in-
cidentiæ ho-
ra 16.

Mora dimi-
dia. 0. 51.



The two fearfull Eclipses of the Moone.

Regressus Planetarum.

♄ à penultima Augusti vsque in anni finem retrocedet.

♃ regreditur vsque in 25. Martii: inde progreditur vsq; in 24. decē.

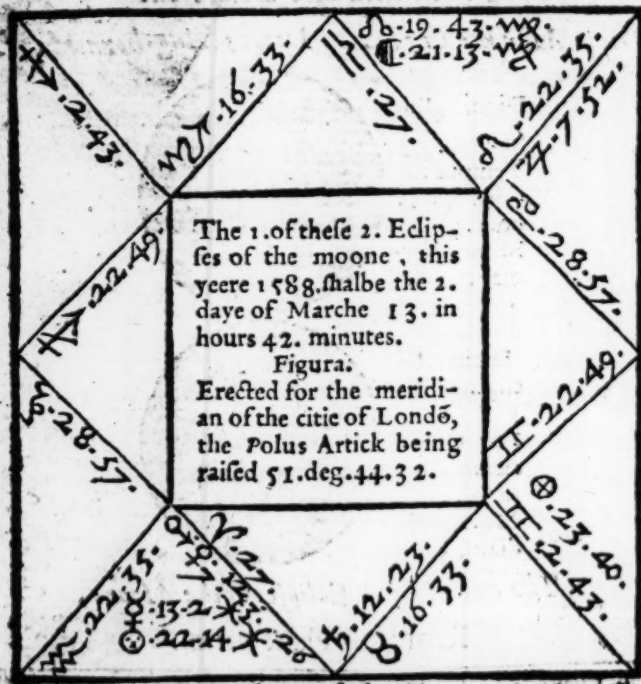
♊ hoc anno semper progreditur.

♋ post 5. Septembris regredietur vsque in 17. Octobris.

♌ ab initio anni vsque in 22. Ianuarii. Iterum à 23. Aprilis
vsque in 18. Aprilis.

Tertium à 20. Augusti in 12. Septembris. Quartum post 14.
Decembris ultra finem anni regreditur.

The full Eclipse shal be at one of the
clock, and 42. minutes after midnight.



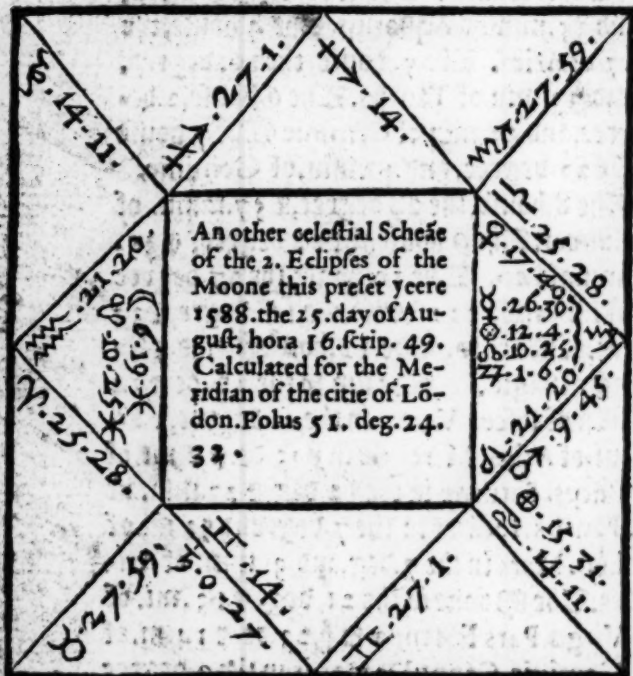
The colour of the Moone in this Eclipse shall not be redd, but declining to a dark brown colour: the other Coniectures of γ influence or effects therof, I leaue them till such time as I write my Prognostication for this yeare, if it please God so long to continue my lyfe, in the mean time
good

from the course of times.

good gentle reader take this in good part,
and heare with mee in this my simple skil.
In this Eclipse setting forth, the Ascendēt
is the 22. degree, and 12. min. of Sagitari-
us. The 2. house, 28. degree, and 57. min.
of Capricornus. The 3. house, 22. degree,
and 35. min. of Aquarius. The 4. house, the
27. of Aries. The 5. house, the 16. degree,
and 33. min. of Taurus. The 6. house, 2. de-
gree, and 43 min. of Geminie. The 7. house
the 22. degree, and 49. min. of Geminie.
The 8. house, the 28 degree, & 57. minu. of
Cancer. The 9. house, the 22. degree, & 35.
min. of Leo. The 10. house, the 27 degree
of Libra. The 11. house, the 16. degree, & 33
mi. of Scorpio. The 12. house, p° 2. de. & 43
mi. of Sagit. The sun in the 22. de. & 14
min of Pisces. Venus in the 12. degree, & 26
mi. of Aries. Mercurie in p° 13. de. & 2. mi. of
Pisces. Saturne in the 12. deg. & 23. min. of
Taurus. Iupiter in the 7. deg. and 52. mi. of
Leo. Mars in the 7. deg. and 3. min. of Ari-
es. The Moone in the 21. deg. & 13. mi. of
Virgo. Pars Fortunæ in p° 23. de. & 14. m. of
Geminie. Caput Draconis in the 9. degree
and 43. min of Virgo. Cauda Draconis in
the 9. degree, and 43. min. of Pisces.

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This Eclipse of the Moone shall
 beat 6. of the clocke, and 49. min. at
 night, the colour of the Moone
 white, and shall appeare a li-
 tle after the sun is set.



The Ascendent is γ 21. degree, & 20 mi.
 of Aquarius. The 2. house 25. and 28.
 min.

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min. of Aries. The 3. house the 27. degree
and 59. min. of Taur. The 4. house the 14.
degree of Gemini. The 5. house the 27. de-
gree and 1. min. of Gemini. The 6. house
14. degree and 11. min. of Cancer. The 7.
house the 27. degrees & 20. mi. of Leo. The
8. house the 25. degree & 28. min. of Libra.
The 9. house is the 27. degree & 59. min.
of Scorp. The 10. house 14. degrees of
Sagit. The 11. house the 27. degree &
1. min. of Sagit. The 12. house is the 14. de-
gree & 11. min. of Capric. The Sun in the
12. degree and 4. min. of Virgo. Venus in
the 17. degree and 40. min. of Libra. Mer-
curie in the 26. degree & 50. min. of Virgo.
Saturne in 0. degree and 27. min. of Gem.
Jupiter in the 1. degree and 6. min. of Virg.
Mars in the 9. degree & 45. min. of Leo.
The Moone in the 6. degree and 19. min.
of Pisces. Pars fortunæ in 15. degrees & 31.
min. of Cancer. Caput Draconis in the 10.
degree and 25. min. of Virgo. Cauda Dra-
conis in the 10. degree & 25. min. of Pisces.

Heere is the time that Cipryan in his
verles turned in ryme maketh mention of;
The time waxeth short, and the day of
the Lordes comming to iudgement

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by all signes and tokens cannot be farre off. Therefore good brethren in Christ be mindfull of the Lords comming: let vs call vpon his holy name by deuout prayers and supplications: Let vs make our submission vnto his glorious maiestie: Let vs acknowledge our offences, and bewayle our manifolde sinnes and wickednesse: Let vs be hartilie sorie for these our misdoings, whose heauie burdens are intollerable: let vs craue mercy & forgiuenesse at the Lords hand: Let vs frame a newe and godly life: Let vs alwayes haue the Lordes comming in our remembrance: Let vs meditate vnto him by deuout prayers, and most humble supplications aske all things of him, prayse hym, trust in hym, and giue him the honoz and worshippe belonging to his glorious Maiestie: Let vs not neglect holy meditations and prayers, but continually pray. It is written (Gentle Reader) that in the beginning, in the dayes of Seth the sonne of Adam, the people first began to inuocate & call vpon the name of God by deuout prayer, & this maner of praying was vsed among fathers frō Noah vntyl the coming of

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of Christ, and they did frequent the same as
a speciall meane and way to craue of God
his mercie, his grace, and his assistance. By
prayer also, they did set forth the glory of
God, appeased his wrath and displeasure,
and rendred him thanks for his benefites
receiued. Christe our Sauour after his
comming, taught it also as a most necessary
& comfortable doctrine, whereby we might
craue of our heauenly father, not onely all
things necessarie and requisite for vs (as
appeareth in the prayer which hee taughte
his Disciples:) but also forgiveness of sins
to the attaynement of euerlasting life. And
therefore may wee well say, that as the vse
thereof is worthe prayse, so the want ther-
of is to be blamed. For where prayer is not
frequented, there God is not serued & cal-
led vpon for his grace and assistance, neither
is he thanked for his gracious benefites; the
free gift of his mercie is not desired, neither
is the horrible punishment of his iustice
feared. But who may not now (thinkest
thou Gentle Reader) rightly say to y^e world
as Ionas saide to the Niniuits: There are
yet 40. dayes, & Niniue shalbe destroyed.

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The people no sooner heard the Prophete denounce destruction to come on them, for their sinnes, but immediatly, euen at the first crying of him, with trembling & feare, turned to God, beleued in him, feared his iustice, confessed their sinnes, & with penitent hearts craued his mercie. But good Christia brother whome it hath pleased God to call, not by the mouth of one man, as hee did the Niniuites (for he hath called vs by sundrie meanes) therfore dost thou not regard his calling: wherfore to thee it may be thus said: The more God seeketh thee, the more thou shunnest him: the more he loueth thee, the lesse thou regardest him: the more thou needest him, the lesse thou thinkest on him: So that by thy great unkindnesse, God is compelled to say vnto thee, as he said to the Israelites, I am ouerweariend with bearing and long suffering of thy wicked and sinfull liuing. If thou therefore desire to be freed from the horrible plagues and threatenings of God, thou must (like a true Ninite) with a broken and penitent heart, call vpon God with continuall praier, & crauing of him his mercie, grace, & assistance, which if thou aske with a true faith, he will graunt it thee

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te thee. Finally, if thou couet to bee happye
and blessed, let no day passe thee, but that
thou once at the least present thy self before
God by prayer, and falling downe before
him, with an humble disposition of deuoute
minde (not from the mouth, but from the
heart inwardly:) crie with the Prophete
Dauid, O Lord, the offences of my youth,
and mine ignorances remember not:
but after thy mercy and goodnes O Lord
remember me. *Psal. 25. 5.*

A prayer for true repentance, and for the
comming of the kingdome of Christ,

O Lord, and our God Iesus Christ,
the Scripture testifieth of thee, that
when thou wast in the worlde, thou
diddest preach repentance, and the
comming of the kingdome of heauen, and
after thou wast risen againe, thou saydest,
it behoued thee so to suffer, & on the third
day to rise againe from the dead, and that
both repentance & remission of sins shoulde
be preached to euery creature in thy name;
and that whosoever beleueed and were bap-
tised, should be saued. Againe, then full to
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bingly diddest bid them that labour and are laden to com vnto thee, & promisedst that thou wouldest unlade and refresh them: verily it is no small company of wicked spirites cleaueth, which are also as roaring Lions, & earnest accusers of y^e sonnes of god, yea, and such enemies of God, & of the that appertaine vnto him, as by no meanes neither will nor may be reconciled. Therefore wee, and all of vs, which thowowe thy grace are bounde and giuen ouer to serue God: Most humbly beseeche thee O holy spirite, that thou wilt defend vs against all the wicked temptations & pernicious breathings of this most wicked spirite, that all vice excluded, all vertue and godlinesse may spring, grow, and increase in vs vntill wee be made perfect and auncient in Christ Iesu our Lorde, and his holy lawe. Take away infidelitie, and ingraft in our breastes a true and vnfained faith, take away pride, wrath, enuy, debate, whoredome, gluttonie, drunkenness, couetousnes, error, hypocrisie, with all kinde of vngodlines, and printe in our heartes humilitie, loue, chasticie, and concord, puritie of life, temperance, sobriety, mercy, liberalitie towards the poore, truth, pure

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pure holynes, with all kind of vertue: take
away from vs all that euer is of Satan, the
flesh, and the worlde, and giue vs that which
only commeth from thee O heauēly father,
and from thy only begotten sonne, & from
the holy spirit: Teach vs all truth, enarme
vs with the shield of true faith, that we may
so watche and shew such diligence, that wee
may perceiue his craftie assaults and dan-
gers, vnto the end that wee liue not hereaf-
in the flesh, but rather that we abhorre al fil-
thinesse, and impuritie thereof, and that wee
beeing brought into thy kingdome, thoro-
gh thy precious blood, may obtaine dayly more
and more perfect remission of our sinnes.
So be it.

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